

*Welcome to the*  
**Setauket Presbyterian Church**  
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

# Order of Worship

April 26, 2026

❖ *please rise in body or in spirit; unison prayers are in bold.*

Kindly sign the friendship pad near you and pass it down the pew!

## GATHERING MUSIC

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME

## INTROIT

*Auf, auf, mein Herz*

Rudolf Moser

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day to join our hearts in hope,

**To affirm our faith in a loving God.**

Jesus is the One God sent, to guard and guide his flock;

**We trust in Christ to meet our every need.**

Through shadow and light, through peaks and valleys,

**God does not leave us alone.**

We gather for worship, as one in the Spirit;

**Let us worship God, who shepherds us on paths of peace.**

## OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to.**

**You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours." You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; **by his wounds we have been healed. Thanks be to God!**

**SUNG RESPONSE no. 584** *Gloria*

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.** Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Bible Presentation

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.*

## **ANTHEM**

*Lamb of God*

Twila Paris arr. Craig Courtney

## **SCRIPTURE READING** John 10:1-10

*“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.*

*So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

## **SERMON**

Rev. Candace Whitman

❖ **HYMN no. 802** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (verses 1-4)*

## **IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

### **CALL TO OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Healey Willan

### ❖ **DOXOLOGY no. 607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever.

With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

❖ **HYMN no. 308**    *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

❖ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Lamb of God*

Twila Paris arr. Mark Hayes

Today's liturgy is drawn from the 1993 PCUSA Book of Common Worship and the PCUSA Call to Worship Journal online.

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